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C O N F I D E N T I A L NASSAU 0366

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TAGS: MILI  
SUBJ: RETURN OF CHIEF MIN.

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION USNLO NASSAU BAHAMA ISLANDS INFO CNO  
WASHINGTON DC COMNAVFORCARIB ROOSEVELT ROADS PR COMOCEANSYSLANT  
NORFOLK VA FROM NAVFAC GRAND TURK (DTG R 221345Z FEB 78)

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L//N03800//  
RETURN OF CHIEF MINISTER

1. (U) THE CHIEF MINISTER OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS, MCCARTNEY HAS RETURNED TO GRAND TURK FOLLOWING HEART SURGERY IN THE UK. HE IS RECUPERATING AT HOME AND HAS NOT YET MADE ANY PUBLIC APPEARANCES OR REASSUMED OFFICIAL DUTIES. DAILY ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT REMAINS DIVIDED BETWEEN THE DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER SKIPPINGS AND MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS ASTWOOD.
  2. (C) CHIEF MINISTER MCCARTNEY IS VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT HIS ABILITY TO RETURN TO FULL HEALTH AND REGAIN CONTROL OF THE PDM GOVERNMENT. AS A PRACTICAL REALITY, THIS MAY BE DIFFICULT, AS MR ASTWOOD HAS USED THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS TO STRENGTHEN HIS POLITICAL POWER BASE AND MAY BE RELUCTANT TO BE RELEGATED TO HIS
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- OLD NUMBER THREE POSITION IN GOVERNMENT.
3. (U) AS AN INTERESTING SIDELIGHT, THE CHIEF MINISTER PERSONALLY CALLED THE NAVFAC CO AND ASKED FOR A CASE OF U.S. BOTTLED BEER EXPLAINING HE WAS UNABLE TO PROCURE ANY ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND DID NOT LIKE CANNED BEER. CUSTOMS, BLACK MARKET AND DUTY FREE PROBLEMS NOTWITHSTANDING, ONE CASE OF BOTTLED BUSCH WAS DELIVERED AS A WELCOME HOME GIFT WITH BEST

WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY.

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